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MINUTES OPEN WORK SESSION MAY 13, 2013

5:00 P.M. - Call to Order

Roll Call – Councilmembers Adams, Durham, Henry and Nordstrom were in attendance. Also in attendance were Mayor Spratt and Clerk Avery. Councilman Cephas arrived just after Roll Call.

Clerk Avery explained the changes that were made from the first draft budget. Salaries for employees (Clerk excluded) were increased by 3 percent. Councilman Durham stated the Cost of Living Index is 3.2 percent and thought a raise of 4 percent would be better. Councilman Adams thought setting raises at 3.2 percent would be better. After further discussion the consensus was to increase salaries by 4 percent. Mayor Spratt is to clarify performance bonuses.

Councilman Cephas recommended adding \$5,000 to "Executive Other" and pay for Councilmembers MML registration from that account. The Council agreed and the change was made.

Mayor Spratt said that she wants to get the Memorial Park finished and would like to add funds in the budget to accomplish that. \$10,000 was to be added to the budget for that. Clerk Avery said he would add it to the appropriate account.

Other changes were:

increase account #5420 by \$600 to \$1,000

Increase account #5421 by \$500 to \$1,000

Councilman Cephas stated he would like to add funds to reinstate health care benefits for Councilmembers. Councilman Durham said he was strongly against doing that. Councilman Nordstrom says that would be a big burden on the Town and would not support that change. Councilman Cephas said we will move forward from this point.

Clerk Avery explained that Greg Koski wants to move a house from another development to his development on Academy Street. If he has to pay \$10,000 for water and sewer hookup fees it cost prohibitive. There was further discussion as to waive the hookup fees or lower them. The issue is to be resolved in open session.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:58 P.M.

Respectively Submitted,

John Avery

Clerk/Treasurer

Approved:

Mayor Spratt

Councilmembers